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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR NICOLAE'S MEETING WITH ARMITAGE, MARCH 1:  
PUNGAN VISIT, HUMAN RIGHTS, TRADE

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 1351 (B) STATE 3125

1. AMBASSADOR NICOLAE REVIEWED WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS DISCUSSED BY PUNGAN AND PRESIDENT CARTER ON FEBRUARY 23, NOTING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AGAIN WITH ARMITAGE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR A FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION. TOPICS INCLUDED: (1) ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY WAIVER EXTENSION AND IMPORT RESTRAINTS/EXPORT CONTROLS; (2) "INTERNATIONAL MATTERS," SUCH AS UN REORGANIZATION; (3) HUMAN RIGHTS; AND (4) EXCHANGE OF VISITS. WITH REGARD TO (4), NICOLAE SAID THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A CEAUSESCU VISIT TO THE U.S. OR A CARTER VISIT TO ROMANIA HAD BEEN  
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RAISED BY PUNGAN. IN RESPONSE, NICOLAE SAID, PRESIDENT CARTER HAD ASKED SECRETARY VANCE "TO LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE." NICOLAE SAID HE WAS NOT RPT NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE CEAUSESCU VISIT.

2. NICOLAE SAID PUNGAN HAD "APPRECIATED" PRESIDENT CARTER'S AND NSC ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI'S FRANK COMMENTS.

PUNGAN HAD INFORMED THE PRESIDENT THAT THE GOR HAD ISSUED "5-6,000" EXIT APPROVALS, TO ALL DESTINATIONS, DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1-FEBRUARY 15, 1977.

3. NICOLAE ASKED WHAT ROMANIA COULD DO NOW TO EASE WAIVER EXTENSION THIS YEAR. ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT THE GOR COULD HELP US MAKE A CASE TO CONGRESS WITH REGARD TO ROMANIAN EMIGRATION TO THE U.S. AND ISRAEL, BOTH OF WHICH WERE IMPORTANT. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT EMIGRATION TO THE U.S. IS PROCEEDING FAIRLY WELL; EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL, LESS WELL. NICOLAE RESPONDED HE HAD ONLY ABOUT 30 PENDING CASES IN WHICH CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST HAD BEEN EXPRESSED TO THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY, AND HE WOULD TRY TO SEE THAT THEY WERE RESOLVED. IN A FEW CASES, SUCH AS THAT OF A MAN WITH A DEBT TO THE STATE, THEY COULD NOT BE FAVORABLY SETTLED. IT REMAINED ROMANIA'S POLICY NOT TO BRAKE EMIGRATION BUT ALSO NOT TO PROMOTE IT, BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR SKILLED MANPOWER. ROMANIA WAS, HOWEVER, "PROMOTING" THE IDEA OF REINTEGRATING DIVIDED FAMILIES.

4. INTERESTINGLY, NICOLAE TWICE REFERRED TO FEBRUARY 28 "WASHINGTON STAR" COLUMN BY GERMOND AND WITCOVER (REF A) WITH APPARENT SATISFACTION, COMMENTING THAT JUDGING BY WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, "YOU ARE VERY PROUD OF WHAT ROMANIA IS DOING."

5. ON CSCE, NICOLAE PROPOSED MARCH 24-26 FOR LIPATTI CONSULTATIONS, ALTHOUGH ROMANIAN EMBOFF HAD BEEN TOLD CONFIDENTIAL

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PREVIOUS DAY THAT MARCH APPEARED IMPOSSIBLE. ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT EMBASSY BUCHAREST WOULD BE PROPOSING SOMETIME AFTER APRIL 18 TO LIPATTI, BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS. NICOLAE SUGGESTED THIS MIGHT BE TOO LATE, BUT SAID HE WAS NOT INSISTING ON THIS. ROMANIAN EMBOFF PLOSCARU SAID GOR WAS EXPLORING FITTING IN LIPATTI'S U.S. CONSULTATIONS WITH TRIP TO CANADA.

6. ON TRADE MATTERS, NICOLAE SAID GOR OBJECTED TO ITC PROPOSAL SETTING SHOE IMPORT LEVELS USING 1974 AS BASE (REF B). IN 1974, ROMANIA DID NOT HAVE MFN AND EXPORTS TO US HAD BARELY BEGUN; THEREFORE 1974 CANNOT BE CONSIDERED A "NORMAL" YEAR. NICOLAE ALSO SAID ROMANIA CANNOT ACCEPT THE IDEA OF "ELIMINATING" CERTAIN ITEMS FROM BILATERAL TRADE, ALTHOUGH HE REALIZED THAT CERTAIN SECTORS ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE. ARMITAGE SAID WE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND PERHAPS HAVE ANOTHER DISCUSSION WITH NICOLAE.

7. FYI NICOLAE SAID PUNGAN MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF

RETURNING TO U.S. FOR VISIT IN JULY IN CONNECTION WITH  
"INVITATION FROM AMBASSADOR BARNES." WE PRESUME THIS  
IS REACTION TO IV INVITATION. NICOLAE DID NOT RESPOND  
WHEN ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING TO RUMORS THAT  
PUNGAN MIGHT BE NEXT FOREIGN MINISTER.  
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